

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

At a regular meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7 P.M.

Six members are present. Councilman Beauchamp is absent.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: William Perry, Enoch Valentine, John Reynolds Jr. and Jim Counoyer.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 2016 be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray

it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

16 M 2 A communication from Mayor regarding homestead exemption.

16 CO 3 A communication from City Solicitor regarding request to pay property damage claim of Noel Pincince.

16 CO 4 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding 5 + 5 tax abatement program fiscal impact report. (see 16 CO 5, as amended)

16 CO 5 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding 5 + 5 tax abatement program fiscal impact report.

16 LC 2 Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 2 applications for Class F1 and entertainment licenses, 1 application for first class victualing license, 1 application for holiday license, 1 application for renewal of annual bingo license and 2 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment licenses

16 CP 3 A request of Councilman Gendron to address the following item: Fiscal Year 2016 budget/financial update is read by title.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman

Gendron it is voted to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the following two resolutions:

16 R 9 A resolution reappointing Kathryn M. Dumais as a member of the Zoning Board of Review is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilmen Gendron and Moreau it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 10 A resolution in amendment of resolution 12 R 5 reappointing Alan Leclaire as a member of the Zoning Board of Review is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 CP 4 A request of Council President Brien to address the following items: DMV location, Broadway junkyard, affordable housing-CDBG-Congressional delegation, Cass Park, Holley Springs, Iron Rock Brook Conservation area is read by title.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Jalette addressed 10/10 club to cancel function until next

Saturday. He spoke about meeting in Mayor's office about personnel matter which he stated should be held in a work session.

Councilman Mancieri thanked Martin Luther King committee for weekend events. He reminded residents that Neighborworks applications are available for work camps for home repairs and/or landscaping.

Councilman Moreau addressed comments made by Councilman Jalette and requested to schedule issue on agenda.

Councilwoman Murray thanked Martin Luther King committee, St. James Baptist Church, Citizens Bank, Neighborworks for sponsoring the weekend of events and speaker Michael Blake and those who participated.

Councilman Beauchamp was absent.

President Brien thanked Martin Luther King committee, Neighborworks, Citizens Bank, St. James Baptist Church, dynamic speaker Assemblyman Michael Blake of New York and Human Services Director for a memorable weekend.

Councilman Gendron spoke about Mardi Gras and reminds everyone that tickets are available for February 6th at St. Ann's Cultural Center.

16 O 1 An ordinance authorizing Mayor to enter into an agreement with Woonsocket Head Start Development Association Inc. for payment in lieu of taxes, which was passed for the first time on January 4th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being 5-0 with Councilman Mancieri recusing himself from the vote.

16 O 3 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilmen Gendron and Jalette that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted to amend the ordinance as follows: In Section 1 delete “Pond Street” and in its place insert “Veterans Parkway”. The amendment is voted on and passed on a unanimous roll call vote. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time on a unanimous roll call vote.

16 O 4 An ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the implementation of dog parks in the City of Woonsocket is read by

title, and

A motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to table, a roll call vote on same being 4-2 with Councilors Jalette and Brien voting no.

16 R 3 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 4 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilmen Jalette and Mancieri it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 5 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is

read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 6 A resolution in support of 2016 House Bill 7036 reducing the number of qualified signatures necessary to earn ballot placement for city elected municipal offices is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 7 A resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 8 A resolution allowing exceptions to the suspensions of the 5 + 5 tax abatement program for residential properties is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman

Jalette that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted on,

Upon motion of Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: In section 1 delete “5 Third Avenue” and in its place insert “220 Logee Street”. This amendment is voted on and passed on a unanimous roll call vote. The resolution, as amended, is then passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

16 R 11 A resolution in support of harsher penalties for animal abusers in the State of Rhode Island is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be withdrawn.

16 R 12 A resolution designating February 6, 2016 as “Mardi Gras Day” is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 13 A resolution in support of House Bill 7064 relating to Woonsocket Elections is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilmen Gendron and Mancieri seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 R 14 A resolution authorizing the City of Woonsocket Human Resources Department to use E-Verify to confirm new employees employment eligibility is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted to amend the resolution by inserting at the end of section 1 “effective March 1st, 2016” This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously. The resolution, as amended, is then voted on and passed on a 4-2 roll call vote with Councilors Mancieri and Murray voting no.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray and seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted to receive and place on file a communication dated January 19, 2016, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte

City Clerk